

NJDOT ROUTE 57 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is proposing improvements to the Route 57 bridges over branches of the Musconetcong River near the Anderson Hotel (M.P. 13.91 & M.P. 14.07), and over Hances Brook near the Colonial Manor assisted care facility (M.P. 18.13). There are two bridges in close proximity to each other near the Anderson Hotel, and one bridge near Colonial Manor. The project provides for the replacement of the superstructures, safety improvements, and resurfacing of the approach roadways. The existing lane widths will be maintained. All work will be completed within the existing right of way for Route 57.

The construction will be accomplished through stages. The two bridges near the Anderson Hotel will be started initially and constructed concurrently given their close proximity. The first stage will include shifting traffic onto the western bridge and then fully closing the eastern bridge. Traffic will be detoured to local roads. During the second stage, Route 57 will be open to westbound traffic. Eastbound traffic will continue to be detoured to local roads using the same route established in the previous stage. (See Detour Plan link below) Local residents, emergency service vehicles, and other authorized vehicles will be allowed access by the use of temporary traffic signals on either side of the work area.

Construction of the superstructure replacement for the bridge over Hances Brook near Colonial Manor will be completed using a detour route for westbound traffic. This detour will utilize Airport Road to Rockport Road to Thomas Road to Watters Road to Heiser Road to Route 57. (See Detour Plan link below) During the second stage, concurrent with work at the bridge near the Anderson Hotel, eastbound traffic will be shifted to one side of the existing bridge while the remaining portion of the superstructure is demolished and the new superstructure is constructed. For the third stage, eastbound traffic will be shifted to the newly constructed portion of the bridge while the remaining portion of the superstructure is demolished and the new superstructure is constructed. A temporary signal will be utilized on either side of the work area to allow access for emergency service and other authorized vehicles. A temporary signal will also be provided at the intersection of Airport Road and Rockport Road to control the additional traffic flow at this intersection.

During the full duration of the three bridge replacements, truck traffic will be detoured in both directions in advance of the project areas. The truck detour route will use Route 46 to Route 31 and then back to Route 57 for westbound truck traffic. Eastbound truck traffic would utilize the reverse route.

All work is weather dependent. The project is expected to commence in early March 2013 with an estimated completion date by the end of October 2013.

The above information is provided as a public service to the residents of Mansfield Township and the general public and is not an official NJDOT document. It is based on the best available information to date that has been provided to the Township of Mansfield. **For more information, please contact:**

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